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### **ARTICLE I.**

#### **IN GENERAL**

##### **Sec. 8-1. Firemen, police officers and others present at scene of fire or explosion.**

Every person present at the scene of a fire or explosion shall be obedient to the orders of firemen and law enforcement officers in any matter relating to extinguishing the fire, removal and protection of persons and property endangered by fire, explosion, smoke or water, freedom of fire department and medical personnel and apparatus to perform their duties or to function properly, and to maintenance of order at or near the scene of fire or explosion, and it shall be unlawful for any person to disobey any such order of a fireman or law enforcement officer. Law enforcement officers shall have authority to arrest persons who disobey such orders and to hold them in custody until the fire has been extinguished or the danger of explosion abated, at which time the violator shall be dealt with according to law.

(Amended for recodification, 1987)

**Sec. 8-1.1. Fire companies and rescue squads.**

The following fire companies and rescue squads are hereby recognized as an integral part of the official safety program of the county:

*Rescue Squads*

Bergton Substation

Bridgewater

Broadway

Clover Hill Fire and Rescue

Elkton

Grottoes

Harrisonburg

Singers Glen

*Fire Companies*

Bridgewater

Broadway

Elkton

Grottoes

McGaheysville

Timberville

Hose Company No. 4

Weyers Cave

Clover Hill Fire and Rescue

Bergton

Port Republic Road Substation

Singers Glen

(6-13-77; amended for recodification, 1987; P.C. Ord. No. 8-90, 8-22-90; P.C. Ord. No. 94-2, 1-12-94; P.C. Ord. No. 95-4, 4-26-95; P.C. Ord. No. 96-12, 7-24-96; P.C. Ord. No. 97-20, 9-24-97)

**Sec. 8-1.2. Participation by juveniles in activities of volunteer fire companies.**

Any person sixteen (16) years of age or older, with written parental or guardian approval may work with and participate in the activities of any volunteer fire company within the county provided such person has attained certification under National Fire Protection Association 1001, level one, fire fighter standards, as administered by the Department of Fire Programs.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 86-1, 2-12-86)

**Sec. 8-1.3. Response to hazardous materials incidents; reimbursement of costs.**

In any case where the county or any volunteer agency, recognized as an integral part of the county's public safety program, responds to an incident involving hazardous materials, as defined by Section 18.2-278.1, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the county may send a written statement to the party or parties responsible for the spill or release of hazardous material for reimbursement of the costs associated with the response activity; which costs shall be reimbursed to the county within thirty (30) days of posting such statement.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 2-89, 1-11-89)

**Sec. 8-1.4. Boarding or tampering with vehicle, equipment, building or structure of fire and rescue department; damaging vehicle, equipment, building or structure of fire and rescue department; injuring fire and rescue department personnel.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to cling to, attach himself to, climb upon or into, board or swing upon any fire or rescue department vehicle without permission to manipulate, tamper with, or attempt to manipulate or tamper with, any levers, valves, switches, starting devices, brakes, pumps, life saving equipment, first aid equipment, supplies, protective clothing or any other part of any fire and rescue department vehicle equipment, building, or structure. Also, it shall be unlawful for any person to damage or deface, or to attempt or conspire to damage or deface, any vehicle, equipment, building or structure of the fire and rescue department. In addition, it shall be unlawful to injure, or to attempt or conspire to injure, or threaten to harm, any fire and rescue department personnel while they are performing their official duties.

For the purpose of this section 8-1.4, the term "any fire or rescue department vehicle" or similar phrase shall mean any vehicle, building, structure, or equipment, owned by the county, or a volunteer fire company or rescue squad recognized as an integral part of the official safety program of county. Furthermore, the term "fire and rescue department personnel" or similar terms shall mean persons employed by the county fire and rescue department, or persons holding membership in a volunteer fire company or rescue squad recognized as an integral part of the official safety program of the county.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 99-9, 8-11-99)

### **Sec. 8-1.5 Establishment and maintenance of fire lines.**

At the scene of any emergency to which the fire or rescue department has been summoned, the incident commander, or fire marshal, after consulting with the incident commander, shall have the authority to establish fire lines as needed for the purpose of controlling bystanders and spectators, or limiting access to the emergency scene. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to break or to disregard such fire lines.

Any fire line established by this section shall only be removed after the incident commander or fire marshal has deemed it appropriate to remove such fire line. Removal of a fire line prior to such time by anyone not authorized to do so shall constitute a violation of this section.

(P.C. Ord. No. 99-9, 8-11-99)

### **Sec. 8-1.6. Emergency vehicle operation.**

The driver of any emergency vehicle shall not sound the siren or any other audible emergency device, nor activate any visual warning device while the vehicle is in motion, unless responding to an emergency. Tactical strategies such as, but not limited to "move- ups," "fill-ins," or "transfer of quarters" shall not constitute an emergency call.

The term "emergency vehicle" shall be those vehicles defined as authorized emergency vehicles by the Code of Virginia.

(P.C. Ord. No. 99-9, 8-11-99)

### **Sec. 8-1.7. Vehicles crossing fire hose.**

A vehicle shall not be driven or propelled over any unprotected fire hose of the fire department when laid down any street, alleyway, private drive or any other vehicular roadway without the consent of the fire department placing such hose upon the street, alleyway, private drive, or other vehicular roadway.

(P.C. Ord. No. 99-9, 8-11-99)

### **Sec. 8-1.8. Vehicles following emergency vehicles.**

It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle, other than one on official business, to follow any emergency vehicle traveling in response to a fire or other emergency incident, or when transporting a patient to the hospital, at any distance closer than five hundred (500) feet to such emergency vehicle or to park any vehicle within five hundred (500) feet of where an emergency vehicle has stopped at an emergency scene.

(P.C. Ord. No. 99-9, 8-11-99)

### **Sec. 8-1.9. Parking within fire lanes.**

No person shall park a motor vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended or otherwise obstruct any area designated as a fire lane in accordance with section F-311.1 of the county fire prevention code. Exceptions:

- (1) Buses, loading or unloading passengers, provided that the driver remains with the vehicle and able to move vehicle if necessary.

(2) Fire, rescue, or law enforcement vehicles while they are involved in emergency operations.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 01-14, 8-22-01)

**Sec. 8-1.10. Parking near fire hydrant.**

No person shall park a motor vehicle or permit it to stand, whether attended or unattended, within fifteen (15) feet in either direction of a fire hydrant located on public or private property. No provision of this section shall apply to a fire-fighting vehicle while they are involved in emergency operations.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 01-14, 8-22-01)

**Sec. 8-1.11. Penalties for violations of sections 8-1.7--8-1.10.**

Any person violating any provision of sections 8-1.7--8-1.10 shall be fined as follows:

- (1) Fifty dollars (\$50.00) if paid within seven (7) calendar days at the county treasurer's office.
- (2) If not paid within seven (7) calendar days a misdemeanor summons shall be issued, upon which a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) may be assessed.

In addition to the above penalties, any vehicle parked in violation of section 8-1.9 or section 8-1.10 may be impounded. Any vehicle impounded may be held until the penalty provided and all towing and storage charges incurred are paid.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 01-14, 8-22-01)

**Sec. 8-1.12. Presumption as to guilt of owner of violating vehicle.**

In the prosecution of sections 8-1.9 and 8-1.10, proof that the vehicle described in the complaint, summons or warrant was parked in violation of the code, together with proof that the defendant was at the time of the violation the registered owner of the vehicle shall constitute evidence a prima facie presumption that such registered owner of the vehicle was the person who parked the vehicle in the place where and for the period during which such violation occurred.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 01-14, 8-22-01)

**Sec. 8-1.13. Authority of fire-fighting officials to direct traffic, etc.**

While any fire department or volunteer fire department in the county under the provisions of chapter 2 of title 27 of the Code of Virginia is in the process of answering an alarm of fire or extinguishing a fire and returning to a station, the chief or other officer in charge of such fire department at that time shall have the authority to maintain order at the fire or its vicinity, direct the actions of the firefighters at the fire, keep bystanders or other persons at a safe distance from the fire and fire equipment, facilitate the speedy movement and operation of fire-fighting equipment and firefighters until the arrival of a police officer, direct and control traffic in person or by deputy and facilitate the movement of traffic. The fire chief or other officer in charge shall display his badge. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this authority shall extend to the activation of traffic control signals designed to facilitate the safe egress and ingress of firefighting equipment at a fire

station. Any person refusing to obey the orders of the fire chief or his deputies or other officers in charge at that time shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The fire chief or other officer in charge shall have the power of make arrests for violation of the provisions of this section.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 01-14, 8-22-01)

## **ARTICLE II.**

### **ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FIRE PREVENTION CODE**

#### **Sec. 8-2. Adoption.**

The Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, duly adopted by the Virginia Board of Housing and Community Development under authority of 27-97, of the Code of Virginia, with the hereinafter provided amendments, is adopted and is hereinafter referred to as the Rockingham County Fire Prevention Code. The code official referred to herein may be the same person as the fire marshal, as defined in section 8-4 of the county code.

(P.C. Ord. No. 99-10, 8-11-99)

#### **Sec. 8-3. Amendments.**

The adoption of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code as the Rockingham County Fire Prevention Code is subject to the following amendments to the sections, by addition or substitution, as referred to in the BOCA National Fire Prevention Code, 1996 edition:

*F-101.7. Invalidity.* If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this chapter which shall remain in effect as if this chapter had been passed without the unconstitutional or otherwise invalid part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase.

*F-106.4.1. Inspection by Owner or Owner's Agent.* The code official may require the owner or owner's agent to inspect the owner's property or equipment in accordance with guidelines approved by the code official.

*F-106.9. Plans Review and Certificate of Occupancy.* If requested by the building official, the code official shall assist the building official in the review of construction plans for compliance with the fire protection provisions of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code for all structures and facilities, except detached one and two family dwellings.

*F-106.10. Fire Hydrants.* During the site and or construction plans review process for construction or change in use of any building or structure, the code official shall have the authority to require the installation of fire hydrants as he deems necessary to have water available for fire fighting purposes prior to the use of combustible materials in the construction being commenced on any floor above the first or ground floor level. Such hydrants shall be accessible to fire fighting apparatus at the time they are installed and at all times thereafter. The code official will determine the need for fire

hydrants based on the use and size of the structure involved and the availability of water in the area of the property. The number of fire hydrants, their placement and the desired flows shall be determined by nationally recognized standards.

*F-106.11. Authority to Take Photographs.* The code official or his duly authorized representative is authorized to make sketches and take photographs to document conditions he observes that he believes to be violations on the provisions of this code. Subsequent to a fire, explosion, or other emergency, photographs may be taken as are necessary to adequately depict the conditions of the property for the purpose of investigations. No person shall prevent the code official from making sketches or taking photographs.

*F-108.5. Frequency of Inspection.* Inspection Schedule: Routine inspections of the hereinafter stated Use Groups, as described in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, for the purpose of enforcement of the Rockingham County Fire Prevention code shall be permitted on the following schedule:

USE GROUP	FREQUENCY OF INSPECTION
A-1	Every six months
A-2	Every six months
A-3	Every six months, and prior to any special event if deemed necessary by the fire marshal
A-4	Every 12 months
A-5	Every 12 months, and prior to any special events if deemed necessary by the fire marshal
B	Every 24 months. Exception: All fire and rescue stations shall be inspected every 12 months
E	Every 6 months
F-1	Every 12 months
F-2	Every 24 months
H-1	Every 12 months
H-2	Every 12 months
H-3	Every 12 months
H-4	Every 12 months
I-1	Every 6 months
I-2	Every 6 months
I-3	Every 6 months
M	Every 12 months
R-1	Every 6 months
R-2	Every 12 months
R-3	Every 12 months (public areas only)
S-1	Every 12 months
S-2	Every 24 months
U	Every 24 months
Mixed use groups	Inspected using the most restrictive guidelines from above

The above schedule is for routine inspections only. Any property covered by this code may be inspected upon discovery of, or report of any code violation or unsafe condition. Follow-up inspections may be conducted as often as needed to obtain compliance.

*F-202.0. General Definitions.*

*Fire Lane(s):* means an area designated by clearly visible signs and/or markings in which parking or standing shall be prohibited, whether on public or private property, to ensure ready access for fire fighting and other emergency services vehicles to buildings, structures or facilities.

*Occupant:* means any person physically located or situated in or on any property, structure or vehicle irrespective of the length of time or the reason for such occupancy.

*F-309.2.2. Documentation.* When a commercial kitchen exhaust system cleaning service is used, a certificate showing the date of inspection or cleaning shall be maintained on the premises. Areas of the hood and/or duct not cleaned shall be noted.

*F-309.3 Operation.* Commercial kitchen exhaust systems shall be functioning at all times while cooking appliances are in operation. Cooking appliances which require a commercial kitchen exhaust hood system shall not be operated while the fire suppression system or kitchen exhaust system is nonoperational or otherwise impaired.

*F-309.3.1 Filters.* Filter equipped commercial kitchen exhaust systems shall not be operated without filters properly installed.

*F-309.3.2 Operating Efficiency.* Openings provided for make-up air shall not be restricted by covers, dampers, or any other means that would reduce the operating efficiency of the commercial kitchen exhaust system.

*F-309.3.3. Manual operations.* Instructions for manually operating the fire suppression system for the commercial kitchen exhaust system shall be posted conspicuously in the kitchen.

*F-310.3.1 Compliance.* The code official may require that this area be marked to insure compliance with this section.

*F-311.1. Designation.* The code official shall designate fire lanes on public streets and on private property where necessary. Fire lanes shall have a minimum width of twenty (20) feet. Signs and markings to delineate fire lanes as designated by the code official shall be provided, installed, and maintained in a manner approved by the code official.

*F-311.2. Obstructions.* No person shall park or leave an unattended vehicle in or otherwise obstruct with a vehicle any designated or marked fire lane. No person shall place, cause to be placed, locate or cause to be located any equipment, materials, stock, merchandise, or any other object in or otherwise obstruct any designated or marked fire lane. In any prosecution under this article, proof that the vehicle described in the complaint, summons or warrant was parked in violation of the code, together with proof that the defendant was at the time of such parking the registered owner of the vehicle, shall



constitute evidence a prima facie presumption that such registered owner of the vehicle was the person who parked the vehicle in the place where and for the time during which such violation occurred. In addition the vehicle parked in violation of this section may be impounded. Any vehicle impounded may be held until the penalty provided and the towing and storage charges incurred are paid.

*F-311.4. Defacing, destroying fire lane signs and markings.* It shall be unlawful for any person to deface, injure, tamper with, remove, destroy, or impair the usefulness of any posted fire lane sign or marking.

*F-311.5 Enforcement.* Any duly appointed police officer, Sheriff's deputy or other law enforcement officer may enforce this code section.

*F-315.2 Fire Department Access.* Fire department access shall be provided and maintained to all structures undergoing construction, alterations, or demolition. Fire department access roadways shall be of approved surface materials capable of providing emergency vehicle access and support at all times, and shall have a minimum of twenty (20) feet in unobstructed width. The access roadways shall provide a minimum turning radius capable of accommodating the largest fire apparatus of the jurisdiction and a minimum vertical clearance of 13 1/2 feet.

*F-317.0 Cooking Devices.*

*F-317.1 General.* No charcoal cooker, brazier, hibachi, or grill and no gasoline or other flammable liquid or liquefied petroleum gas fired stove or similar device, except gas fired ranges designed for indoor use, shall be ignited or used within or on the balcony or covered patio of any occupancy in Use Group R, as described in the Uniform Statewide Building Code, except detached one and two family dwellings, unless located more than eight feet from such structures. The owner or manager of any occupancy in said Use Group R shall notify their tenants in writing of this code requirements at the time the tenants initially occupy the apartment and annually thereafter, A copy of this written notification shall be available for review by the code official.

*F-406.0. Open Flames or Burning During Emergency Declaration.*

*F-406.1. General.* It shall be unlawful for any person to set fire to, or procure another to set fire to any woods, brush, logs, leaves, grass, debris, or any other flammable materials, or to burn outdoors any cooking device, warming fire, campfire, bonfire, recreational fire or similar fire within the boundaries of Rockingham County, Virginia, when a declaration of emergency due to dry or drought conditions is issued.

*F-406.2 Declaration.* A local emergency may be declared by the local Director of Emergency Services, with the consent of the Board of Supervisors. In the event the Board of Supervisors cannot convene to the disaster or other exigent circumstances, the director or any member of the Board of Supervisors in the absence of the director may declare the existence of a local emergency, subject to confirmation by the governing body at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within fourteen days of the declaration, whichever occurs first. The Board of Supervisors, when in its judgment all emergency actions have been taken, shall take appropriate action to end the declared emergency.

*F-406.3 Local Emergency Definition.* The local emergency to be provided for under this section means the occurrence of a natural disaster, such as a drought, fire hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, or other natural catastrophe resulting in potential damage, hardship or possible loss of life or property.

*F-501.4.5. Reporting Results of Periodic Tests.* The individual or company performing any test or inspection required under this article shall provide the code official with a complete written record of the test or inspection within 15 days after it is conducted. Such written record shall note plainly which standard, as referenced by the code, was used for the test or inspection.

*F-503.6 Tampering.* No person shall tamper with, reduce the effectiveness of, damage, destroy, or use without just cause or authorization, any fire protection system, fire extinguisher, fire alarm system, single station smoke, detector, hydrant, or other fire protection device that has been installed in or on any building, structure or property within the county.

*F-503.7 Blocking Fire Hydrants and Fire Department Connections.* No person shall obscure from view, damage, deface, obstruct or restrict the access to any fire hydrant or any fire protection system connection that is located on the public or private streets, access lanes or on private property.

*F-503.8 Key repository.* Owners of buildings in which a fire protection system is installed shall provide a key repository to the satisfaction of the code official. The key repository shall be of the type approved by the code official, and shall be installed at a location approved by the code official. Keys shall be placed in the repository to allow duly authorized members of the fire department access to investigate alarms of fire reported from the building.

*F-518.1.1 Fire hydrant location.* A fire hydrant shall be provided within 50 feet of the location of the fire department connection at a location approved by the code official.

*F-606.1.2 Marking Means of Egress.* The code official may require the means of egress through storage areas to be marked, and the owner or his agent shall be responsible for marking and maintaining such aisles as required.

#### *F-708.0 Hotel and Motel Fire Safety.*

*F-708.1 General.* All hotels and motels that are more than two stories in height shall post on the inside of each sleeping unit door a floor plan showing the nearest exit and other fire safety information determined to be necessary by the code official.

*F-3101.3 Approval Issuance.* The code official may, upon application issue a permit to a competent person for giving a pyrotechnic display of fireworks in a public location on behalf of any fair association, amusement park, or organization. Such sale and discharge of fireworks permit by this section shall be in accordance with the requirements of NFPA 1123 and NFPA 1124 as listed in Chapter 44 of the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, and any other requirement made by the code official.

*F-3203.6. Disposal of Waste.* No person shall permit, cause to be permitted or participate in the pouring, dumping or discharging of flammable or combustible liquids, or any waste liquid containing

petroleum or its products on the ground, whether paved or not; in any storm or sanitary drain or ditch; or in any body of water. All petroleum products shall be stored and disposed of in accordance with regulations set forth or approved by the code official.

*F-3203.9 Spills and Leaks.* Flammable and combustible liquid spills and leaks shall be immediately reported to the code official.

*F-3203.12. Prohibited Storage.* The storage of flammable and combustible liquid shall be prohibited in occupancies of BOCA Use Groups A, R-1, R-2, and in rental storage facilities.

*F-360.3.4 Emergency Services.* Anyone who supplies liquefied petroleum gas service shall have a qualified maintenance person available at all times to assist fire department personnel with emergency incidents involving the service.

(P.C. Ord. No. 99-10, 8-11-99; P.C. Ord. No. 01-14, 8-22-01)

### **ARTICLE III.**

### **FIRE MARSHAL**

#### **Sec. 8-4. Establishment.**

There is hereby established the office of fire marshal, which office may include the responsibility of arson investigator and also code official as that title is construed and provided in the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, to serve upon the appointment of the county administrator and at the pleasure of the county administrator, together with such assistant fire marshals as may be selected by the fire marshal, with the approval of the county administrator.

(P.C. Ord. No. 99-11, 8-11-99)

#### **Sec. 8-4.1. Oath.**

The fire marshal and all assistant fire marshals shall, before entering upon their duties, take an oath before an officer authorized to administer oaths, faithfully to discharge the duties of such office, with the certificate of oath to be returned to the county administrator for preservation with the county.

(P.C. Ord. No. 99-11, 8-11-99)

#### **Sec. 8-4.2. Duties.**

It shall be the duty of the duly appointed fire marshal and his assistants to make investigation into the origin and cause of every fire and explosion occurring within the limits of the county.

(P.C. Ord. No. 99-11, 8-11-99)

#### **Sec. 8-4.3. Authority.**

The fire marshal and the assistants to the fire marshal shall have all of the authority provided by state law in the carrying out of their duties, including the authority to arrest, to procure and serve warrants of arrest, and to issue summons in the manner authorized by general law for the violation of fire prevention and fire

safety laws and related ordinances, and the authority to investigate and prosecute all offenses involving hazardous materials, fires, fire bombings, bombings, attempts or threats to commit such offenses, false alarms relating to such offenses, possession and manufacture of explosive devices, substances and fire bombs, with the same police powers as the sheriff of the county, but such responsibilities may not be undertaken or exercised until the fire marshal or assistants have completed a training course for fire marshals with police powers designed by the department of fire programs in cooperation with the department of criminal justice services, which course shall have been approved by the state fire services board, and to continue whatever other educational course or program requirements may be available through such agencies.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 99-11, 8-11-99; P.C. Ord. No. 01-14, 8-22-01)

#### **Sec. 8-4.4. Reporting.**

The fire marshal shall make reports to the board of supervisors of any investigation made by him as soon thereafter as practicable, returning therewith the evidence taken by him and submitting such recommendations therein as he may think the public interest demands.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 99-11, 8-11-99)

#### **Sec. 8-4.5. Regulations.**

The board of supervisors may from time to time adopt regulations relating to the investigations and other procedures of the fire marshal and the use and control of firearms and other authorized weapons permitted to be used by the fire marshal and his assistants.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 99-11, 8-11-99)

### **ARTICLE IV.**

#### **VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES**

#### **Sec. 8-5. Violation and penalties.**

Violation of any of the provisions of this chapter 8 of the Code or any of the provisions of the county fire prevention code, as amended from time to time, shall constitute a class 1 misdemeanor, unless other penalties are provided in this chapter 8.  
(P.C. Ord. No. 01-14, 8-22-01)